

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-13 and 16 and add new claim 19 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for transferring a communication fee, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and a particular packet data to be sent;

when a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data, charging said destination user for said packet data, wherein said charging is carried out without distinguishing between said packet data that includes said particular packet data and said packet data that does not include said particular packet data; and

transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device, by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said particular packet data.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method set forth in claim 1, further comprising ~~a step of~~:

charging said sender for said particular packet data when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said registering ~~step comprises the step of~~:

registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device; and

registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method set forth in claim 3, wherein said particular packet data includes a Web page data, and said step of registering information regarding said destination users includes a step of registering information regarding said destination users-user that is acquired in response to an access by said terminals of said destination users when a terminal of said destination user requests said particular packet data.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said transferring ~~step comprises the steps of:~~

performing a processing to exempt particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device from the charge for said particular packet data; and

performing a processing to charge said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device for a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method set forth in claim 3, wherein said transferring ~~step further comprises the steps of:~~

acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which does not reach; and
specifying destination users who is confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet based on said data regarding said packet which does not reach.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage storing a program stored on a storage medium for controlling causing a computer to transfer a communication fee, said program comprising the steps of by:

registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and a-particular packet data to be sent;

when a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information

storage device performs a processing to receive packet data, charging said destination user for said packet data, wherein said charging is carried out without distinguishing between said packet data that includes said particular packet data and said packet data that does not include said particular packet data; and

transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device, by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said particular packet data.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program set forth in according to claim 7, further comprising ~~a step of~~:

charging said sender for said particular packet data when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program set forth in according to claim 7, wherein said registering step comprises ~~the step of~~:

registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device; and

registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program set forth in according to claim 9, wherein said ~~step of~~ registering information regarding said destination users includes a ~~step of~~ registering information regarding said destination users that is acquired in response to an access by said terminals of said destination users.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program

for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program set forth in according to claim 7, wherein said transferring step comprises the steps of:

performing a processing to exempt particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device from the charge for said particular packet data; and

performing a processing to charge said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device for a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to transfer a communication fee program set forth in according to claim 9, wherein said transferring step further comprises the steps of:

acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which does not reach; and
specifying destination users who is confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet based on said data regarding said packet which does not reach.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for transferring a communication fee, comprising:

means for registering into a transmitting information storage device, information regarding destination users, a sender, and a particular packet data to be sent;

means for charging said destination user for said packet data when a terminal of said destination user registered in said transmitting information storage device performs a processing to receive packet data, wherein said charging is carried out without distinguishing between said packet data that includes said particular packet data and said packet data that does not include said particular packet data; and

means for transferring the communication fee, charged to said destination users for said particular packet data, to said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device, by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received by said terminals of said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device, wherein a number of packets of said particular packet data is calculated from said particular packet data stored in said transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred

communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by said receiving status data, and said number of packets of said particular packet data.

14. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 13, further comprising:
means for charging said sender for said particular packet data when said particular packet data is transmitted to the destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

15. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 13, wherein said means for registering comprises:
first means for registering information regarding said sender and said particular packet data to be sent into said transmitting information storage device; and
first means for registering information regarding said destination users into said transmitting information storage device.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein said particular packet data includes a Web page data, and said second means for registering includes means for registering information regarding said destination ~~users~~ user that is acquired ~~in response to an access by said terminals of said destination users~~ when a terminal of said destination user requests said particular packet data.

17. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 13, wherein said means for transferring comprises:
means for performing a processing to exempt particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device from the charge for said particular packet data; and
means for performing a processing to charge said sender registered in said transmitting information storage device for a fee of said particular packet data for said particular destination users whose terminals are confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet data among said destination users registered in said transmitting information storage device.

18. (ORIGINAL) The system set forth in claim 15, wherein said means for

transferring further comprises:

means for acquiring data regarding said particular packet data which does not reach; and

means for specifying destination users who is confirmed to have performed said processing to receive said particular packet based on said data regarding said packet which does not reach.

19. (NEW) A method for transferring a communication fee, comprising:

charging a destination user for received packet data regardless of particular packet data received; and

transferring a communication fee charged to the destination user for the particular packet data to a sender registered in a transmitting information storage device by using a receiving status data for said particular packet data to be received,

wherein a number of packets of the particular packet data is calculated from the particular packet data stored in the transmitting information storage device, and an amount of the transferred communication fee is calculated by using a number of destination users specified by the receiving status data, and the number of packets of said particular packet data.